Is Pop Music Evolving, or Is It Just Getting Louder?

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Music just ain’t what it used to be. At least, that’s the stereotypical lament of each recording generation of music listeners. It’s also one way to read a new study on the evolution of pop music in the past half-century.

A group of researchers undertook a quantitative analysis of nearly half a million songs to look for widespread